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FOR WILEN CU/ARA

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TAGS: OEXC, CI
SUBJ: AMSPEC JEFFREY LYONS

REF: (A) SANTIAGO 4739, (B) STATE 122745

1. APPRECIATE CU/ARA ASSISTANCE IN CURBING AMSPEC JEFFREY LYONS' EFFORTS TO RECOVER HIS LOST SUIT JACKET, WHICH BEGINNING TO CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR US. LYONS HAS WRITEN AIO 8-10 LETTERS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE. HE HAS WRITTEN TO HOTEL SEVERAL TIMES, AND CLAIMS TO HAVE WRITTEN TO CHILEAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TWICE. IN ALL OF THESE COMMUNICATIONS HE ACCUSES HOTEL MAID OF THEFT AND IMPLIES THAT HOTEL MANAGEMENT NOT INTERESTED IN FINDING JACKET.

2. BELIEVE JACKET IRRETRIEVA LY LOST AT THIS POINT. WHILE IT PROBABLE THAT HOTEL EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS DISAPPEARANCE, THIS IS NOT ABSOLUTELY SURE. IN ANY CASE HOTEL MANAGER, WITH WHOM WE HAVE ENJOYED GOOD RELATIONS, BECOMING UNDERSTANDABLY ANNOYED AND ANGERED AT REPEATED ACCUSATIONS. NOW THAT LYONS HAS CONTACTED CHILEAN EMBASSY, BELIEVE IT BEST TO CONVINCE HIM OF JACKET'S PERMANENT LOSS, BEFORE GOOD EFFECTS OF HIS VISIT ARE OUTWEIGHED BY THIS UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT AND HIS OVERREACTION.

3. APPRECIATE CU/ARA'S CONTACTING LYONS AND EXPLAINING TO HIM THAT USIS SANTIAGO HAS MADE REPEATED EFFORTS TO RETRIEVE JACKET BUT NO LONGER HAS HOPE OF ITS RECOVERY. AIO HAS CALLED HOTEL
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SEVERAL TIMES, USIS LOCAL VALPARAISO EMPLOYEE HAS SPOKEN

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TO HOTEL MAID TWICE. AZ ALL TIMES WE STRESSED LARGE NO-STRINGS-
ATTACHED REWARD. DESPITE THESE EFFORTS, NO SIGN OF JACKET,
AND WE CONVINCED THERE WILL BE NONE AFTER THIS PERIOD OF TIME.

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